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**ADVISORY BOARD ON RADIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY**

**MINUTES  
May 7, 2003**

The Advisory Board on Radiological Technology met on Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions. Ms. Heffernan called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peggy Heffernan, RT  
Cheryl Cunningham, RT  
LaChele Gray  
Mary Loritsch, RT

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ellen Paredes, MD

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Nicole Gordon, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Joyce Hawkins, VSRT  
Martin Gary, Student RT  
Pam Shelton, SRMC

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JANUARY 8, 2003**

Cheryl Cunningham moved to approve minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mary Loritsch moved to adopt the agenda. Motion was seconded, discussed and carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment

**REPORT OF OFFICERS**

Peggy Heffernan reported that she attended the February full Board meeting.

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## **#1. Regulatory Chart**

Ms. Yeatts stated that the bone densitometry regulation changes went into effect in October 2002. Periodic review regulations have been approved for publication and will be effective July 2, 2003. Ms. Yeatts explained the status of Volunteer Practice regulations and their effect on radiologic technologists.

## **#2. Review of legislation from the 2003 Session of the General Assembly**

Ms. Yeatts presented highlights of changes in the law pursuant to actions of the 2003 General Assembly. HB 1441 will affect reporting requirements, change the standard for taking disciplinary action from gross negligence to simple negligence and create a confidential consent agreement. HB 1792 addresses defaults on educational loans. HB 1820 will eliminate posting of the licensee's address on-line. HB 2182 requires emergency contact information be collected for the Health Department. HB 2183 permits administering and dispensing of drugs by unlicensed persons during a disaster or emergency.

## **#3. Draft legislation for 2004 Session of the General Assembly**

Ms. Yeatts explained the process for drafting legislation that would eliminate the exemption for state licensed hospitals. Cheryl Cunningham made a motion to recommend draft legislation to the Board. The motion was seconded discussed and carried.

## **#4. Discussion of 18 VAC 85-101-60, ARRT bone densitometry exam, and possible NOIRA**

Ms. Powers expressed her concern regarding regulations for examination for bone density. Ms. Powers explained the two ways in which licensure can be obtained in bone density for limited rad-techs. One being ISCD; the other is to take the ARRT Core examination after required educational training and then take the ARRT bone density examination. The concern was the necessity to require the core exam and the bone density exam. After discussion, the Board determined to leave the regulations as they are and make no changes at this time.

## **# 5. Discussion of ARRT standard-setting report and bone densitometry exam scoring**

Ms. Powers stated that the recommended passing score for the bone density examination by ARRT is 59%. Ms. Powers also explained that the Board accepts the recommended score for the Core and all other Anatomical areas at 65%. It was decided that additional information would be collected and considered before a decision is made on the acceptable passing score for bone density. Until then, the Board would continue to use 65%.

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**#6. Review of DHP orientation packets**

Dr. Harp presented information to the Advisory Board members regarding orientation and addressed topics such as purpose of the Department of Health Professions, responsibilities of the Advisory Board to the full Board, disciplinary matters, FOIA and many other aspects of the Department as it relates to them. He provided written documents and informational pamphlets for their review and future reference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting date is scheduled for September 10, 2003 at 1p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Peggy Heffernan, RRT

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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Nicole Gordon  
Recording Secretary